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Around The Army

Fort Rucker:

The Army Flier reported Sept. 15 that Fort Rucker was preparing for Hurricane Ivan. The post remained at risk for severe weather to include strong winds and heavy rains.

Fort Rucker's modernized helicopter fleet moved to Fort Stewart, Ga., Sept. 14. More than 150 aircraft, to include AH-64D Apache Longbows, CH-47 Chinooks, UH-60 Black Hawks and OH-58D Kiowa Warriors, were relocated to Georgia. The remaining aircraft are being stowed in hangars on post to ensure their safety.

Crews returned from Fort Stewart Sept. 15 via bus to be with their families during the severe weather.

If hurricane winds exceed 50 knots, Fawcner and Newton gates will be closed, and access to Fort Rucker will be limited to the Enterprise, Daleville and Ozark gates.

For more about this story and other Fort Rucker news, visit www.armyflyer.com on the Web.

Kuwait:

The European Stars and Stripes reported Sept. 15 that ESPN's first live "SportsCenter" broadcast from Camp Arifan entertained 500 military members who crowded into a warehouse for the show. Army Staff Sgt. Teddy Barlow opened the show with a roll call for the assembled units before turning the formation over to "SportsCenter" anchors Steve Levy and Kenny Mayne.

Levy and Mayne covered the weekend's sporting events in their casual, rapid-fire manner, while seated in front of the packed house of desert camouflage-clad soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines.

During commercial breaks, anchors and audience traded barbs and jokes.

For more about this story and other U.S. military news in the European and Pacific theaters, visit www.estripes.com on the Web.

Fort Knox:

Inside the Turret reported Sept. 16 that Fort Knox families who have a child with Autistic Spectrum Disorder have a new source to turn to for help and support.

The first ASD Support Group on post met in the Parkway Elementary School gym and is slated to meet the second Tuesday of every month.

The group was founded by Army spouses Kathy Walsh and Jill Whitaker, with cooperation from the Fort Knox Exceptional Family Member Program of Army Community Service, and Parents in Action, a recreational and support group for families and children with special needs.

Walsh said she hopes the group is a way for families with ASD-diagnosed children to share problems and solutions.

The Quick Reference Guide for Autism Spectrum Disorders describes ASD as a pattern of behaviors involving three central features—impairments in socialization, verbal and nonverbal communication, and restricted patterns of interest and stereotyped actions.

For more on this story and other Fort Knox news, visit www.thewesternenterprise.com on the Web.

Flag returns

Community welcomes 1st Brigade back home

By Jamie Bender
Staff writer

Family members crowded into Hangar 817 to welcome home the Soldiers of 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Sept. 14. The banner-covered walls did little to dampen the sounds of the enthusiastic crowd. As the Soldiers entered the hangar, a roar of excitement filled the air.

Inside

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proud we are of the Devil Brigade," he said.

Kearney passed on the regards of Maj. Gen. Dennis Hardy, commander, 24th Inf. Div. (Mech) and Fort Riley, for the brigade's accomplishments during their deployment.

"No one has had a tougher mission; no one has done it more completely, more safely or with greater honor than this brigade has," he said.

After welcoming the Soldiers, Kearney introduced, Col. Arthur Connor, 1st BCT commander, who spoke of his pride in the work his Soldiers did in Iraq.

"In front of you stand some of the bravest men and women that this country

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Madison Davis waves a flag as she waits for her uncle, Michael Brodbeck, at the 1st BCT return ceremony in Hangar 817 at Fort Riley Sept. 14.



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Family members welcome home 1st Brigade Soldiers from a year-long tour in Iraq at a redeployment ceremony Sept. 11 at Fort Riley.

Homecomings brighten post's family atmosphere

By Gary Skidmore
Command Information Officer

While the nation took time to remember the approximate 3,000 people who perished on Sept. 11, 2001, in the World Trade Center and Pentagon terrorist attacks, Fort Riley welcomed home the first of many Soldiers returning from a year's deployment to Iraq.

As members of the 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division and the 937th Engineer Group marched into Hangar 817, family and friends went wild, cheering, whistling and waving American flags and banners.

Brig. Gen. Frank Kearney, assistant division commander for maneuver, 24th Infantry Division (Mech), briefly welcomed the Soldiers home before dismissing them to the waiting arms of the crowd.

"Take these few minutes to find your loved ones," Kearney said. Then, on his command, the Soldiers were dismissed. When Staff Sgt. Darrell Bosco of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, deployed a year ago, he said good-bye to his wife, Allison.

When he was welcomed home, his wife introduced him to his 4-month-old son,



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Sgt. Eric Casto of HHB, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, hugs his mother, Irene Burman, during a redeployment ceremony at Fort Riley Sept. 12.

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Post loses 42nd Soldier

Staff report

Spc. Yoe M. Aneiros, 20, of Newark, N.J., died Sept. 7, near Sadr City, Iraq, during a rocket-propelled grenade attack.

Aneiros was a loader with a tank crew assigned to Fort Riley's Company C, 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor, 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division.

He enlisted in the Army in September 2002.

Aneiros had been stationed at Fort Riley since January 2003 and deployed to support Operation Iraqi Freedom in June 2004.

Aneiros served a previous tour in Iraq in 2003. Approximately 32,000 Fort Riley Soldiers are deployed to support Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Aneiros' death brings the number of Fort Riley Soldiers who have died while serving in support Operation Iraqi Freedom to 42.

Memorial services are planned for 11 a.m. Sept. 21 at Morris Hill Chapel.



Spc. Yoe Aneiros

Hospital 'sarge' named top NCO

By Jamie Bender
Staff writer

Staff Sgt. Ismael Jimenez, non-commissioned officer in charge of primary care at Irwin Army Community Hospital, out-performed his peers in July to become Fort Riley's NCO of the Year.

Jimenez attended four or five previous boards before competing at the post level. He said he felt a little overwhelmed by the outcome.

Daily studying helped Jimenez as well as his six years

experience in the Army. The Emporia, Kan., native said the best study technique he used was

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Staff Sgt. Jimenez

Fort Riley Soldier killed in Clay Center shooting

Staff report

Four Fort Riley Soldiers were involved in a shooting incident, which resulted in the death of one Soldier, in rural Clay County,

Kan., Sept. 13.

Due to next of kin notification procedures, the Army is not currently releasing the name or information regarding the deceased.

Sgt. Aaron Stanley, Bismarck, N.D., and Sgt. Eric Colvin, Papil-

lion, Neb., are currently being held by Clay County officials in connection with the death and injuries to another Soldier.

Spc. Christopher Hymer, Nevada, Mo., was seriously injured during the incident. He is current-

ly being treated in a Wichita hospital.

All four Soldiers were assigned to the 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division. Stanley, Colvin and Hymer were all assigned to the 1st Battal-

ion, 41st Infantry Rear Detachment at Fort Riley.

Fort Riley's Criminal Investigation Division is working with the Kansas Bureau of Investigation and Clay County law enforcement officials on the case.





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Col. Arthur Connor Jr., commander, 1st BCT, and 1st BCT Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Moore roll up the brigade's colors during the Transfer of Authority ceremony in Camp Ramadi, Iraq. 1st BCT transferred authority to Col. Gary S. Patton and the 2nd BCT. In March 2004, 1st BCT was attached to the 1st Marine Division to continue its offensive in the area. The 2nd BCT will also be attached to the 1st Marine Division.

USMC/Garcia

1st BCT cases its colors, transfers mission in Iraq

By Graham Paulsgrove

1st Marine Division

CAMP RAMADI, Iraq — When they came, it was run down and neglected. As they leave, a prosperous future is visible on the horizon.

After 12 months of firefights, humanitarian efforts and providing support for the 1st Marine Division, the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, heads home to Fort Riley.

It is being replaced by the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division.

In the past 12 months, the 1st BCT was responsible for detaining more than 2,000 enemy fighters, including 18 high-value targets, and sponsored more than \$23.8 billion on civil projects in the Al Anbar province.

"When we got here, nothing was developed," said Col. Arthur W. Conner Jr., 1st BCT commander.

"The area had been largely neglected. Now, shops are open, roads have been paved and the people are arguing about their government and how it should be run. That is what democracy is all about."

"We have brought hope to people who had none," Conner said.

While they were deployed forward, the 1st BCT Soldiers worked hand in hand with 1st Marine Division units.

"It was an honor to work with the highest decorated unit in the military," Conner said. "The integration was seamless and our mission never missed a beat."

The 1st BCT relinquished their authority to 2nd BCT during a Transfer of Authority ceremony at

Camp Ramadi, Iraq, Sept. 11.

"We brought a good team from Korea, and we have a tough mission ahead of us replacing a great BCT," said 2nd BCT Command Sgt. Maj. Marvell R. Dean.

"We are here to help the Iraqi people have a democracy," he said.

The 2nd BCT has been preparing for Operation Iraqi Freedom since June 2003 and is "definitely ready," according to Col. Gary Patton, 2nd BCT commanding officer.

The 2nd BCT will serve as part of the 1st Marine Division, just as their predecessor did.

"It will be a great honor and privilege to work side by side with Marines," Patton said.

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Brayden.

"This is the best homecoming anyone could have," Bosco said. "I finally get a chance to meet my son."

Spc. Kevin Brooks' greeting was a little bigger. His wife was accompanied by 21 of her relatives.

This is amazing," said Brooks, obviously overwhelmed by the

welcome that included his parents-in-law as well as his wife's uncles, aunts, grandmother and several cousins.

"These are the greatest people in the world," he said.

Kearney wrapped up the emotions of the evening by saying nothing compares to watching a reunion between Soldiers and their families.

"It's great to stand on the other side of that," Kearney said.

"Your hair's kind of up on the back of your neck when you hear the national anthem play."

"Then to just soak in all the noise from all the people who love you and all the people who missed you, it's one of the best feelings in the world," Kearney said watching the families reunite.

Top NCO

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having his coworkers and friends quiz him.

"When I got them wrong, I would repeat the answer over and over in my head until I got it right and remembered it," he said.

Jimenez said his Army experiences helped him in a small way to win the board's recognition.

"The advantage was from being in different units and experiencing different things," he explained. "Everybody knows this stuff, it's just a matter of how they use it."

Being the post NCO of the Year has given him more confidence, but the title comes with a little added pressure, Jimenez said.

"People expect you to know a lot," he said. "It's kind of like being a member of the Audie Murphy Club. They are held to a higher standard. It's hard to uphold, but it's also a good challenge."

Confidence is an important attribute to winning a board, in

Jimenez's opinion.

"Some people don't look at the answer; some people look at how you deliver the answer. But it has to be a combination of both. You have to answer it right, but you need to be like 'that's my answer.'"

If you know your answer is right, you will have confidence in it," he said.

Facing a board may be a little uncomfortable, but it shouldn't be, Jimenez said.

"Know that the sergeants major and first sergeants in there aren't there to bash you or make you look bad. They are there to grill you about your knowledge. If you look confident and sound confident, you will probably win."

Having confidence is a key to success in many things other than just winning board competitions. Jimenez's advice to new Soldiers is to keep going.

"You have to have that bit of a swagger to your step," he said. "You have to be confident in what

you want and go get it. Some people have roadblocks and they stop at the roadblock instead of driving over it. ...Don't let anything stop you."

Jimenez joined the Army as a way to get away from home and see more of the world. He entered the medical field because his family is in it, and he said it's something he likes to do.

"The most rewarding part of my job is going home tired," he said. "Knowing that I did something and accomplished something."

Jimenez plans to stay in the Army until he retires. He plans to complete his degree and then apply for optometry school.

"I will be a doctor when I get out of the Army, an eye doctor," he said.

Jimenez said he also would like to be the first medical sergeant major of the army. "Or maybe I'll follow someone else who makes it there before me."

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Post news in brief

Maneuver areas put off-limits

Changes in the Fort Riley training schedule places maneuver areas H, K, L and O off limits through Sept. 19. Hunters and fishermen should stay out of those areas. Visit www.riley.army.mil for additional information on hunting and fishing opportunities on Fort Riley.

ID card center limits service

The ID card center will be closed to the public Sept. 20, 28 and 29 to concentrate on serving Soldiers who are part of the Reserve mobilization.

Seminar helps entrepreneurs

Anyone thinking about starting a new business, buying an existing business or just wanting to improve his or her current business may attend a seminar sponsored by the Small Business Administration and the Army Career and Alumni Program. The seminar is scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon Oct. 15 in the ACAP Center classroom, Room 7 in Building 210, on Custer Avenue on Main Post. A variety of speakers will address such topics as creating a business plan, getting the money needed to start, record keeping, taxes, permits and marketing. Subject matter experts and advisors will be identified to provide continuing assistance after the seminar.

For more information or to reserve a seat at the seminar, call 239-2278 or 239-2248 or send email to acap@riley.army.mil.

Heating turn-on announced

Weather permitting, air conditioning at Fort Riley will be turned off beginning Sept. 27.

Air conditioning in administrative buildings will be turned off first, followed by individual units in barracks, bachelor enlisted quarters and bachelor officer quarters, then the 8000 area, dining facilities and community buildings.

Heating will be turned on beginning Oct. 12, starting with barracks, BOQs and BEQs.

The 8000 area will get heat next, followed by community buildings, administrative buildings, dining facilities and motor pools.

Family housing occupants control their own heating and air conditioning. The authorized temperature for the heating season is 65 to 70 degrees Fahrenheit.

TRICARE alters phone numbers

Irwin Army Community Hospital recently announced the following telephone number changes for TRICARE taking effect Oct. 1:

For appointments, urgent care, routine care, the nurse advice line or after hours, call (785) 239-3627 or (888) 239-3627.

For TRICARE benefit questions, medical authorizations or referrals for specialty care, claims status or the TRICARE service center, call (888) 874-9378.

Limits posted

The school zone speed limit is 20 mph when lights on the zones' edges are flashing between 7:45 and 8:30 a.m., 11:05 and 11:45 a.m. and 3:15 and 3:45 p.m.

The speed limit in housing all housing areas is 15 mph.

Stay In Step with Fort Riley

See what's happening on Fort Riley cable Channel 2 every day at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Civilian employees will bolster forces

Hiring actions seeking 30-40 police officers

By J.D. Hardesty
Staff writer

Fort Riley plans to hire 30 to 40 Department of the Army civilian police to give the installation a three-pronged component to force protection.

"Combining civilian police with AKAL security forces and military police builds continuity in our law enforcement force, provides Soldiers, family members and the Fort Riley workforce with a safe and secure place to live and work while we continue to meet transformation requirements and possible deployment missions," said Col. Jay Simpson, Fort Riley garrison commander.

AKAL, Inc., a security firm based in New Mexico, began a Department of Defense contract for access security at Fort Riley late last year. The contract was recently extended until late 2005.

"AKAL remains a critical piece on Fort Riley's security force team. They enhance our capability to protect our installation while our warfighting troops focus on the Global War on Terrorism and Operation Iraqi Freedom," Simpson said.

"As we continue to enhance our force protection measures, we are undergoing a process to hire civilian police."

Fort Meade uses civilian police officers

DA civilian police officers already serve at Fort Meade, Md.; Fort Shafter, Hawaii; the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., and some other military installations. Additionally, an initial-entry training academy for civilian police officers is scheduled to open in 2006 at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

In addition to the current hiring process for 30 to 40 civilian police officers in fiscal year 2004 ending Sept. 30, "plans for the next fiscal year forecast 60 to 80 additional civilian police hires," said Lt. Col. Anthony Zabek, post provost marshal who oversees the installation's security and force protection needs. Various positions will be filled by the fiscal year 2005 civilian police hires, including a chief of police, a station commander and administrative, supervisory and police officer support, Zabek said.

After the onset of the Global War on Terrorism, Fort Riley Soldiers of the 977th and 300th Military Police companies have rotated to Iraq, fulfilling wartime missions.

"I need AKAL security guards" to meet access control requirements, Zabek said. "With DA civilian police officers joining the force protection team, Fort Riley will have flexible future force

protection and law enforcement assets available should military police units here deploy forward in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom or answer the nation's call elsewhere," he said.

Fort Riley's civilian police officers will wear a uniform similar to common municipal police forces and will support AKAL's mission to control access points, but they will have the added capability of enforcing installation traffic laws and other activities performed by their military police counterparts.

Equipping, training pose big challenge

"The biggest challenge I face as provost marshal is equipping and training the civilian police force," Zabek said. "Each civilian police person will receive nearly two months of training prior to standing guard or driving a beat." Recruitment for the new civilian police officers got under way last month. Upon reviewing the initial applications, Zabek said, "most have both military and civilian experience under their belts. Individually, they are very qualified for the positions."

Fort Riley continues to remain open to our local communities and area residents to enjoy the historical past of the installation although access procedures have been tightened for security purposes.

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poses.

Within the past two years, Fort Riley moved from having open gates that allowed unimpeded civilian traffic through post to guarded access points that require more identification from travelers wanting to go on post.

Identification required for post access

Government-connected travelers must display Department of Defense vehicle registration decals on their windshields and provide current military identification for everyone in the vehicle.

Civilians must present a photo ID, current vehicle registration and proof of current vehicle insurance in order to drive on post.

For the first 18 months of the DoD-ordered increased security measures, Soldiers manned Fort Riley's access points wearing combat gear and carrying weapons. With the Global War on Terrorism demanding more Soldiers, the defense department opted to provide initial contracts for civilian security officers to beef up installation access security, relieving Soldiers from that task.

Fort Riley's new hiring effort adds significant capability and flexibility to its security mission. "With a three-pronged team of Soldiers, civilians and contractors, we continue to plan for the best force protection for Fort Riley," Zabek said.

Female general assumes post

1st female West Point grad gets new command

By Manuel Torres-Cortes
Army News Service

WIESBADEN, Germany – The first female West Point graduate to be promoted to general officer assumed command of V Corps' 3rd Corps Support Command in a ceremony Sept. 2 at Wiesbaden Army Airfield, Germany.

Brig. Gen. Rebecca S. Halstead, whose previous assignment was as deputy commander for U.S. Army Europe's 21st Theater Support Command in Kaiserslautern, Germany, pinned on her first star Aug. 31.

During the ceremony, Halstead accepted the COSCOM flag from V Corps Commander Lt. Gen. Ricardo S. Sanchez. She replaced outgoing COSCOM Commander Brig. Gen. Vincent E. Boles.

In his remarks at the event, Sanchez lauded the leadership and skill he said Halstead brings to COSCOM and V Corps.

Halstead is a graduate of

the West Point Class of 1981, the second academy class to include women. She was one of 104 women to enter West Point in 1977. Four years later, 63 women, the same number that graduated in the previous year's class, graduated in her class.

Halstead is one of six female members of the Class of 1981 still on active duty. She has served as a platoon leader, operations officer and an executive officer with the 69th Ordnance Company, 559th Artillery Group in Vicenza, Italy.

She later commanded Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 63rd Ordnance Company, and was the materiel officer for the 80th Ordnance Battalion, Fort Lewis, Wash.

Other assignments include service with 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.; 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; and 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, N.Y.

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Riley Roundtable

This week's question:

What events or attractions would you recommend Soldiers and families try to experience while they are stationed at Fort Riley?



"The Manhattan Zoo, because it's a fun place to go with kids."

Jennifer Birchfield
Home: Poplar Bluff, Mo.



"Milford Lake. It's fun, you can relax and get away. You can just chill and fish."

Staff Sgt. Tobias Bivines
Chemical operations specialist
HHC, 3rd Brigade Combat Team
Home: Atlanta



"Worlds of Fun in Kansas City. It's a fun place to go, whether you're married or single. It caters to everyone."

Sgt. 1st Class Ray Chase
Food Services Operations
HHC, 24th Inf. Div. (Mech)
Home: Atlanta



"We really like going into Manhattan and seeing all the little shops in Aggieville."

Connie Taylor
Home: Indianapolis

Next week's question:

More Soldiers stationed in Iraq talk about their experiences. This time they were asked, "What have you learned during your time in Iraq? Fort Riley Soldiers can answer this question, too. We'd like to add your comments to those coming from Iraq. Just call the editor at the number given below, send him an e-mail or fax your comment. Please include your full name, rank and unit, your job, and your home town."

Readers who would like their opinions or letters considered for publication in the Post may e-mail them to the editor at mike.heronemus@riley.army.mil or fax them to the editor at 239-2592. Opinions must reach the editor by close of business Friday to appear in the following Friday's paper. Submissions who miss that deadline will be considered for publication in a later issue of the Post.

By Luke Woltering
Staff Judge Advocate Corps

As Soldiers prepare to deploy, they often seek the advice of the Legal Assistance Office concerning powers of attorney. Before signing a power of attorney, you should know how such a document works and the powers associated with it.

Whether you need a power of attorney and what kind of power of attorney you need depends on your personal situation. The two types of powers of attorney are general and special. As their names indicate, general powers of attorney give a much broader range of power than special.

A power of attorney is a legal document that authorizes another person to act on one's behalf. When giving someone a power of attorney, you designate that person as your agent. Using the power of attorney, your agent essentially steps into your shoes and makes decisions as though



Capt. Luke Woltering

you were making those decisions.

A general power of attorney gives your agent broad powers that allow them to buy and sell your property, spend the money in

your bank account and create valid debts in your name that will be your responsibility.

Because of a general power of attorney's broad range of powers, it is a very powerful document. Soldiers giving general powers of attorney before deploying often return home to an empty bank account and realize their agents have sold their cars or other property and have run up credit card bills and other debts in the Soldiers' names.

In addition to risking substan-

tial financial loss, giving your agent a general power of attorney may not give them the power to do things that you need them to do. Businesses do not have to allow your agent to use the power of attorney you have given them, and because of the high risk of abuse many businesses do not accept general powers of attorney.

Businesses are more likely to accept a special power of attorney. Some of the actions requiring a special power of attorney include signing for or clearing military quarters; stopping, starting or changing allotments; registering, shipping or selling vehicles; selling or leasing a house, apartment or land; filing a claim with the JAG claims office; and anything dealing with TRICARE, DFAS or getting military ID cards.

When creating a special power of attorney, you must consider all situations that your agent may need a

power of attorney to resolve. All of the specific powers you want to give your agent may be listed in one special power of attorney. Based on your personal situation, the person writing your power of attorney will be able to help you decide how specific, or special, you want your power of attorney.

A power of attorney is a very powerful document and it can grant complete authority to the person you are naming as your agent. You need to think very hard about whether you can trust your agent and what powers you want to give your agent. Do not end up as a victim to someone abusing the power of attorney you have created.

You can ask for advice on powers of attorney and get general and special powers of attorney on a walk-in basis at the Legal Assistance Office, Patton Hall, Building 200, Room 107, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, except holidays and training holidays.

Letter to editor

Thoughts to share with all servicemembers

I am wife to Spc. Joseph D. Smith with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 70th Engineer Battalion at Fort Riley. I am also sister to Sgt. 1st Class Kenneth D. Robinson, who is currently at Camp Casey, Korea. I love them both with all my heart and they are both preparing for a second tour in Iraq.

I am very proud of our country and I cannot begin to express my gratitude enough to all the men and women who make sacrifices every day to ensure our freedom and the freedom of those who are not strong enough to defend themselves.

I wrote a poem, primarily for my husband and brother. After reading it, I saw it really needed to be dedicated to all Soldiers, in all branches of our military.

Peace

Our world is not a safe place. Everyday terrors many nations do face. Evil is lurking around every corner. Filling our lives with despair and horror.

Our leaders put together "Peace Treaties" and shake hands. Telling us to feel safe and secure in our lands. So we do, for a while. Walking around with blank looks and a smile.

Never knowing that not far away, in our own backyard, Our country was about to be horribly scared. Never knowing that an invasion had already started. An act so evil it was virtually uncharted.

We take our peace and freedom for granted. Not knowing that someone so low and backhanded Is quietly waiting behind our

false illusions of peace, Stalking our nightmares and savoring our grief.

Who is there when innocent victims start to fall? Who is there to enforce our safety, our peace, our law?

We turned to our neighboring countries for assist To no avail. Our concerns were dismissed.

Terror had begun to cross their plains But still our neighbors insisted to refrain

From building an army so large and powerful That it could trample this evil like a stampeding bull.

So we call upon our men and women, Our parents, our brothers, our sisters, our children

To put fear aside and take a stand To save the innocent from this evil's hand.

Many Soldiers have lost their lives in this war. True and steady, they believed in the corps.

Undeniably, the death toll of innocence will rise. In our hearts we will pray for them, as their families say their good-byes.

I, too, have my loved ones overseas Fighting to protect you and me.

It hurts to know the sacrifices they make, But I know in my heart this war is not a mistake.

If we do not take this stand, Evil will keep trying to take over our land.

Our Soldiers have values that they keep in high regard, Values that help them at night

while they stand guard.

Loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, personal courage

Are all the core values of the American Army.

Integrity first, service before self, excellence in all we do. Are the core values of the American Air Force.

Honor, courage, commitment, Are the core values of the American Marine Corps and Navy.

Isn't it time we looked inside ourselves, deep within our

minds?

What are our core values, and what do we want to leave behind?

I will support our Soldiers here and at war. I will do my part and even more.

Remembering past battles for liberty of our land, I hold my head high as I take my stand.

Heavy hearted for those who will, and who have died, Confident that evil will run with nowhere to hide

Amanda L. Smith

Grunt By Wayne Uhden



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1st Bn., 41st Inf., Soldiers go to school

Commandos teach arrivals combat lifesaver techniques

By Brian Schroeder
10th Mountain Division

CAMP VICTORY NORTH, Baghdad, Iraq – Fort Riley Soldiers spend countless hours packing, planning and preparing before deploying to a combat zone. Once they arrive, the learning continues.

Soldiers of 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, attached to the 10th Mountain Division have been among those getting fresh information about the division's current situation by attending the 2nd Brigade Combat Team's School of the Commando as soon as they arrive in Baghdad.

"The School of the Commando is an orientation program for individual replacement Soldiers coming into the Commando Brigade," said Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Kinzie, 2nd BCT command sergeant major.

The three- to four-day school instructs new Soldiers how to

properly perform personal maintenance checks and services on equipment such as humvees, night vision goggles, radio systems and weapon systems.

"We make sure they receive proper instruction on how to handle the systems here," Kinzie said. "For Soldiers coming from stateside, this is a little different environment."

Combat lifesaver certification is one of the areas covered in the class. Kinzie said a large population of qualified combat lifesavers will be a huge benefit to each unit.

"It doesn't matter where you are in country," he said, "there is always a threat."

Private Chris Bailey, an infantryman from Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry Regiment, arrived in Iraq about two weeks ago and attended the School of the Commando combat lifesaver course. He said the training he and his fellow Soldiers received is invaluable.

"The combat life saver materi-

al we are learning is needed to help save somebody's life in the field," he said. "This is also a good refresher for those who already know this stuff."

One class shows where they will be operating and the demographics of that area. This class also informs Soldiers of the other units who will be fighting along with the Commando brigade.

"The school familiarizes Soldiers to their area of operations and brings them up to date on the current threat within the area," Kinzie said. "We give them a general overview of the religious groups and demographics in the area, such as what section is Suni, Shi'ite and former Ba'ath Party members. We not only deal with people from the city, but with a lot of farmers, as well."

The goal of the classes is to jumpstart the new Soldiers to the same level as the Soldiers currently in country, Kinzie said. "The information and training they receive will be beneficial to the new Soldiers because it will put them on the same sheet of music as the currently deployed unit," he said.

Pfc. Jonathan Player, Headquarters Company, 1st Bn., 41st Inf., said the classes are not only good for new Soldiers, but for those who may need to brush up on their skills.

"The school is a good refresher," he said. "There are a lot of new Soldiers coming in that don't know a lot of the material we are learning. These classes are making sure they are prepared for any situation while out in the field. Besides, you can never get enough training."



10th Mountain Division/Schroeder
Pvt. DaJuan Spears, 1st Bn., 41st Inf., ties off a bandage he wrapped around Pfc. Jonathan Player, 1st Bn., 41st Inf., during the triage portion of a combat lifesaver course. The CLS course is part of many classes new Soldiers to the 2nd Brigade Combat Team "Commandos" will attend during the School of the Commando.

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Medical holdovers add to workload

Irwin Army Community Hospital staff handles mobilization processing, wounded Soldiers

By J.D. Hardesty

Staff writer

Before the first tanks rolled across the Kuwaiti, Iraqi border signifying the start of combat operations for Operation Iraqi Freedom, the impact of readying Soldiers for missions taking them into 'harm's way' had already been felt at Irwin Army Community Hospital.

Thousands of Soldiers deploying or mobilizing through Fort Riley increased medical service demands on the hospital staff. Mobilized Soldiers of the 7230th Medical Support Unit from California, the 396th Combat Support Hospital from Washington and the 75th Combat Support Hospital from Alabama have helped medically process mobilized Soldiers for deployment, because the Irwin staff could not have handled the job alone.

During medical processing, which continues today, some Soldiers may be found to be physically unfit for deployment because they require medical attention. In such cases, the Soldier is placed in a medical hold status.

"If a Soldier is placed on med-

ical hold, we have 72 hours to assess the Soldier. Then, if medically necessary, we provide medical services to get the Soldier fit for duty," said Sgt. 1st Class Charles Walthall, an assistant case manager who is also a medical holdover. Medical holdovers are assigned a case manager, Walthall said.

The secretary of defense and the surgeon general have stated the important issue facing the military medical community was getting Soldiers screened to ensure they were physically fit to deploy, mobilize or deploy," said Col. Marilyn Brooks, Medical Department Activity Command and Irwin Army Community Hospital commander. "This is one of the most important efforts to support the warfighter. Processing deploying Soldiers takes priority."

Using its medical assets to support the Global War on Terrorism and Operation Iraqi Freedom "has created a new ongoing mission for us," said the hospital's top administrator. "We see a surge in patients."

"Active (duty), Reservists and civilians, every commander and deputy commander is involved in the deployment or mobilization process," Brooks said. "We han-



Post/Hardesty

Spc. Shannon McKinney, on medical hold as his 308th Quartermaster Company from Washington, Iowa, mobilizes to support Operation Iraqi Freedom, talks to Samantha DePoe, a registered nurse and case manager with Irwin Army Community Hospital, about joining his unit in the near future. McKinney, an Army Reservist, has been cleared to join his unit before the end of the month.

dle hundreds of issues daily, spending a huge amount of time and effort."

Deployments and mobilizations of the nation's reserve forces have "changed the hospital drastically," said Robin Canuela, a

caseworker for the hospital. "Reservists have been augmented into some staff positions to help meet the increased caseload, but the hospital currently has 10 of its staff deployed."

"Mobilized forces increase the

population you care for," said Dr. (Maj.) Jeffrey A. Kazaglis, an orthopedic surgeon at the hospital.

Soldiers wounded in Iraq have also increased the patient load at IACH. Brooks told attendees at the Fort Riley Retiree Appreciation Day the hospital staff has cared for about 600 Soldiers wounded in Iraq and has performed about 60 surgeries on wounded Soldiers.

"With a patient base of 35,000 people and primary caregivers supporting deploying troops going through the Soldier Readiness Program, the increased demands have caused us to refer some patients into a medical network system in and around Fort Riley to accommodate their needs," he said.

What care a medical holdover needs and how long he or she receives medical service depends on what is wrong with the Soldier, Kazaglis said. The medical community at Fort Riley will be working with about 100 held over Soldiers at any given time, and each case is different and every medical condition is different, he said. "Our main focus is to keep the Soldier until they are fit for duty."

Kazaglis cited fractures, knee injuries, other sports-related

injuries and hand injuries as the most common reasons Soldiers are medically held over.

"Sometimes the injury is something as simple as a sprain or soft-tissue injury to the hand," he said. "But having the injury on your shooting hand is just one example of how such an injury can make you unfit for duty."

Soldiers who are held over are given medical service priority except for emergency and acute cases, the doctor said. "Some are just waiting to heal before they deploy forward."

Once they are determined fit for duty, the Soldier is returned to his unit, Walthall said. "They stay as a medical holdover with their rear detachments if their unit has deployed. If they are a Reservist or National Guardsman, they are placed with 2nd Detachment, 648th Area Support Group," he said.

The 648th ASG was mobilized at Fort Riley to oversee pre-deployment processing of mobilized reserve component Soldiers.

If surgery or rehabilitation doesn't make the Soldier fit for duty, the next step is to go through a medical evaluation board, physician evaluation board or medical retention board.

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Wishes, sun shade handed out

J.D. Hamm, a Garden City, Kan., resident, hands a cap and note of well wishes to two Soldiers with the 74th Quartermaster Company Sept. 13. Hamm was part of a group of Garden City citizens who collected nearly 6,000 baseball caps to give to Soldiers who are deploying to Iraq. The caps are signed with well wishes by Southwest Kansas residents.

New post adjutant hired

Former post G1 assumes new position

By J.D. Hardesty
Staff writer

A familiar Fort Riley person leads the installation's adjutant general functions - much as he did before he retired as the post's G1. Ken F. Steggeman served as Fort Riley's G1 from 1997 to 2001. He accepted employment as the installation's adjutant general recently, after working the past two years for the state of Kansas human resources division.

The first challenge greeting Steggeman in his new position will be the integration of the Defense Military Personnel System. That new automated personnel system integrates all five service branches systems into one system.

"In personnel, we will be changing the way we do business over the next two years," said Steggeman, who earned a master's degree in business administration from Boston University.

"I haven't seen the system yet and nothing has been sent to the



Ken Steggeman

field, so I don't know what the system is going to look like," he said.

The overall goal of the new Defense Military Personnel System is to remove unnecessary duplication and thereby reduce the "footprint of personnel supporting troops on the battlefield," he said.

From recent discussions Steggeman has had with members in the personnel community, the Fort Thomas, Ky., native "expects the new system will be more interactive and user friendly at the unit level.

The system will reduce the support required to update Soldiers' records, give them better access to their records and they will see quicker results. ... They will be able to see records change," he said.

"Much like Army Knowledge Online and Electronic Military Personnel Office (E-Milpo), I believe the new system will move the military toward an individually interactive direction," he said.

The personnel community's computer records program is moving toward a 'My Pay' interactive capability," he said.

"The system will be easier for Soldiers and gives them a stake in getting their records correct," he said.

The new personnel system will make Soldier Readiness Procedures easier during deployments, redeployments and mobilizations, three critical areas under which the Adjutant General's office has oversight, Steggeman said.

"Most changes to the personnel system will be transparent," said the former lieutenant colonel who retired from active duty in January 2002 after 28 years of military service in the personnel career field.

"I'm always looking for ways to better serve Soldiers," he said. "That is what we do."

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Society girds for a-peeling task

A volunteer works an apple peeler and corer last year while helping members of the Fort Riley Archeological and Historical Society prepare apple pies to be sold as part of the annual Apple Day celebration. The frozen pies can be pre-ordered for \$7 each. Send your name and phone number (e-mail address, if available) and a check for the purchase amount to Alicia Broadwater, 24A Sheridan Avenue, Fort Riley, KS 66442. Deadline for ordering is 5 p.m. Sept. 21. The pies can be picked up Oct. 1 between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. or between 4:30 and 7 p.m., at Building 404 on the corner of Holbrook and Pershing on Main Post. The society also will be selling slices of baked apple pie during the post Open House and Apple Day observance Oct. 2.

Remains of American MIAs believed found in N. Korea

Department of Defense

Remains believed to be those of American Soldiers missing in action from the Korean War have been recovered by two teams of U.S. specialists and are being repatriated to U.S. control at Yongsan Military Compound in Seoul.

The precise number of remains will be determined in follow-on forensic examinations.

The joint remains recovery work resulted from negotiations with North Korea led by the Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office. The remains were repatriated overland across the demilitarized zone as was done for the first three recovery operations in

2004.

Specialists from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command comprised the 28-man U.S. element of the recovery teams. The first team operated near the Chosin Reservoir where the 7th Infantry Division fought Chinese forces November-December 1950. About 1,000 Americans are missing in action from battles of the Chosin campaign.

The second team recovered remains in Unsan County about 60 miles north of Pyongyang. This area was the site of battles between communist forces and the U.S. Army's 1st Cavalry Division and 25th Infantry Division in November 1950.

The remains will be flown to

Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, where the forensic identification process will take place in the JPAC laboratory.

Since 1996, 31 joint operations have been conducted in North Korea, during which remains believed to be those of more than 200 Soldiers have been recovered. Of the 88,000 U.S. servicemen missing in action from all conflicts, more than 8,100 are from the Korean War.

For additional information about POW/MIA recoveries, visit <http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo> on the Web, or call the Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office at (703) 699-1169.

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Staff aids in training

Division assists cavalry unit with mobilization

By James Tamez
19th PAD

278th ACR

The 278th ACR is the only enhanced armored cavalry regiment in the National Guard.

It is one of only two armored cavalry regiments in the U.S. Army.

It is headquartered in Knoxville, Tenn.

Soldiers of the 24th Infantry Division (Mech) have been helping members of the 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment, Tennessee National Guard, during the mobilized unit's training at Camp Shelby, Miss., since June.

The Taro leaf contingent includes 14 Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 24th Inf. Div.

They provide training and readiness oversight while observing everything from administrative processing to deployment, according to Maj. Keith Moser, executive officer, 24th Inf. Div. (Forward) based at Fort Jackson, S.C.

The 24th Inf. Div. (Forward) staff functions as a higher headquarters staff for the 278th, said 1st Sgt. Cleveland Smith, senior enlisted advisor for 24th Inf. Div. (Forward).

Smith said the Victory Division Soldiers play an important role in the 278th ACR's readiness.

"We have Soldiers that are providing intelligence and others providing training oversight for the units that are deploying," Smith said.

The mobilized Soldiers are getting ramped up and the training is very detailed, Smith added. The training missions include land navigation, individual weapons qualification and various day and night exercises.

About 3,800 Soldiers of the 278th ACR are undergoing mobi-

lization training. Their Soldiers come from Wisconsin, New Jersey, Texas, Vermont, Massachusetts and Tennessee.

"This training is tailored for the mission that (these Soldiers) are going to (be performing)," said Lt. Col. Bill Davis, 278th ACR joint forces liaison officer. "We are receiving standard tactical and field training before mobilizing."

This training is very intensive and it needs to be, Davis said. These Soldiers have received new equipment and they have to get comfortable with it. They need to be confident and they need to be prepared."

The 24th Inf., Div. (Forward) Soldiers share Davis' belief.

It is our job to make sure that these Soldiers receive the best training possible," Moser said. "They have a job to do, so we provide them with assistance and guidance in their training. We want to make sure that the Soldiers are prepared," he added.

The mobilization training "has to get down to the nitty-gritty," Smith said. "These Soldiers know why they are here and it is our responsibility to make sure they are well-trained before they are sent into harm's way. They need to survive and come back home to take care of their families."

The 24th Inf. Div. (Mech) wraps up its assistance to the 278th ACR the end of September when the 278th ACR moves to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., for more combat training scenarios

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Col. Arthur Connor, commander, 1st BCT, 1st Inf. Div., surrounded by members of his family, answers questions about service in Iraq asked by Cathy Dawes of KMAN radio and other news media following the return ceremony held Sept. 14 in Hangar 817 on Fort Riley.

1st BCT

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has ever produced," Connor said.

"Every single day for 12 months, despite the danger and the hardship, they did their duty, they did it faithfully and they upheld the highest traditions in the United States Army. ... You can be justifiably proud of them."

"To the Iraqis we brought hope where they have not had hope for the last 35 years. We built roads, we built schools and, yes, we did a lot of fighting."

"We are very proud to be home and we stay true to our motto: No mission too difficult, no sacrifice too great, duty first," he said.

Before dismissing the Soldiers so they could rejoin their families, Kearney thanked the rear detachment and family readiness groups

for their work in taking care of the families.

The year-long deployment was difficult for family members as well as the Soldiers.

"The hardest part of him being gone was not knowing what was going to happen," said Virginia Quinones, whose husband Spec. Jose Quinones is with 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment.

The most important thing that got her through the separations was a lot of prayer and her faith in God, she said.

Quinones agreed with his wife that the unknown was hardest on him during his deployment.

"It was hard missing my family," he said. "Not knowing what was going to happen day in and

day out. And the heat was bad, too."

Being able to communicate by phone and e-mail helped both through the difficulties.

Connor said that he feels that the family members are every bit as much heroes as the Soldiers.

"They have to endure the separation and the hardships," he said. "They have to endure the calls late at night and the long hours of wondering what is going on."

"I couldn't be more proud of them. I think that to a large extent we sometimes forget these people," Connor said.

"For every Soldier on the front line, we have these wonderful people in the rear who are doing all the hard work," he said.

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Sports news in brief

Blue Jays collect food

Junction City High School will collect non-perishable food items at Blue Jay home football games Oct. 1 and 15. Fans may contribute the food in boxes available at the gates. The food will be given to the Geary County Food Pantry.

For more information, call Bob Hellerud, the high school athletic director, at 238-1309.

Fish, game club sponsors camp

The Geary County Fish and Game Club will host an NRA shooting sports camp Sept. 18 at the club grounds off Kansas Highway 244 Spur, near Milford Lake.

The camp is designed to introduce families to shooting sports. Several activities are planned, including archery, laser shot, muzzle loading and shotgun shooting.

Participants should not bring firearms or ammunition to the camp. The club will provide everything needed.

Participants should sign up at the sports section in the Wal-Mart store in Junction City.

For more information, call 210-5390 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Lady Jays plan pancake feed

The Junction City High School Lady Jays volleyball team plans to host a pancake feed from 7 to 11 a.m., Sept. 18 at the Knights of Columbus hall at 126 W. Seventh St. in Junction City.

The breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, orange juice and coffee.

Cost is \$3 for adults and \$2 for people 18 or younger. Tickets available at the door.

Range hosts monthly shoot

Spectators can witness long range shooting as it was done on the American frontier in buffalo hunting days and black powder gunmen can compete in the State Silhouette Black Powder Cartridge Range Match Sept. 25-26.

The event takes place near Glasco, Kan., 2 miles south and 1 1/4 mile west of the junction of U.S. Highway 81 and U.S. Highway 24. The match begins at 8 a.m. each day.

For more information, call (785) 568-2388.

Archers to vie in post tourney

Outdoor Rec is sponsoring an archery tournament from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sept. 18. Categories include unlimited, recurve and long, youth and female. The cost for the tournament is \$5 per person. For more information, call Outdoor Rec at 239-2363 or 239-6368.

Aerobics class scheduled

Aerobic classes will be offered from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Mondays and Thursdays at King Field House. Cost is \$2 per class if paid in advance. September classes cost a total of \$12. October and November classes cost a total of \$10.50.

For more information, call 239-2813.

Logan Raiders blank 7th-graders

By J.D. Hardesty
Staff writer

The Topeka Logan Raiders overcame penalties and turnovers with a staunch defense and ball control offense to down the Fort Riley Middle School Troopers 14-0 in seventh-grade football action on Sept. 9.

Logan tailback Riley Williams had 15 carries for 76 yards and a touchdown to lead the Raiders. But it was the Raider defense that dominated the game with three quarterback sacks. With relentless pursuit, the visiting team regis-

tered five tackles for Trooper losses totaling 37 yards.

Leading 6-0 at the half, Williams capped a Raider 28-yard scoring drive from 3 yards out, and Logan quarterback Josh Newland trotted into the end zone for the two-point conversion to finish the game's scoring at 5:13 into the third quarter.

Opening up the offense during the Troopers' first possession, Fort Riley's quarterback Zach Birchmeier tossed a strike to a wide-open Brandon Watts down the left sideline, but the ball bounced off Watts' outstretched hands.

Trooper tailback Armogen Walker returned a third-quarter kickoff 32 yards before being knocked out of bounds deep in Raider territory.

The Troopers' offense sputtered as Birchmeier was dropped for a 3-yard loss on first down. A dropped pass over the middle followed by Birchmeier being sacked by Williams and losing 10 yards on third down set up a fourth down and 23 yards.

Two Raider players batted Birchmeier's fourth-down pass into the air before it was inter-

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Post/Hardesty
Trooper Shaquael Frazier (27) wraps up Topeka Logan's Riley Williams (22) during the Troopers' loss Sept. 9.

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Post/Hardesty
Fort Riley Middle School's Andy Birchmeier rushes for three of his 47 yards during the Troopers' 30-22 win against the Topeka Logan Raiders in eighth-grade football at FRMS Sept. 9.

Aerial attack grounds Logan 8th-graders

By J.D. Hardesty
Staff writer

The Fort Riley Middle School Troopers found their big-play offense Sept. 9, scoring touchdowns from 29, 37 and 53 yards to defeat the visiting Topeka Logan Raiders in eighth-grade football 30-22. The win evened the team's season record at 1-1.

Trooper quarterback Andy Birchmeier tossed touchdown passes to Quentin Kimura and Chris Toombs, and Toombs sprinted 37 yards for another touchdown to lead the eighth-graders to their first victory of the season.

"We hit the field believing we could win," said first-year, eighth-grade coach Mark Ellner about his team's turn-around win. Manhattan Anthony pummeled the Troopers 56-8 in their season opener last week.

"Our guys played amazing, super football," Ellner said.

The flip-flopping battle saw each team taking turns hitting big plays for scores. Topeka Logan answered each Fort Riley touchdown until the Troopers scored with a little more than four and a half minutes left in the game.

With the score tied for a third time just a minute and a half into the fourth quarter, Birchmeier connected with Toombs on his

second scoring toss of the afternoon. The play covered 53 yards and gave the Troopers a lead they would not relinquish.

After taking the lead for good, the Troopers' defense stymied the Raider offense during the next two series of play. The Trooper defense pounded Topeka Logan and held them to 14 yards rushing and three incomplete passes in the Raiders' last nine offensive plays.

"We came out hitting hard," Ellner said. "Our offensive line protected our quarterback. Both the offensive and defensive lines really stepped up and played well this week."

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Army racing teams win two

Top fueler, motorcyclist share glory

By Chris Dorato

Army News Service

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — For the first time since partnering with Schumacher Racing in the Top Fuel and Pro Stock Bike classes, the U.S. Army team claimed two victories Sept. 6 in the 50th annual Mac Tools U.S. Nationals at Indianapolis Raceway Park.

U.S. Army Top Fuel dragster Tony "the Sarge" Schumacher captured the Top Fuel class in the NHRA's most prestigious race for the fourth time in five years, while U.S. Army Pro Stock Bike driver, Antron Brown, won his second U.S. Nationals title.

Angelle Savoie, riding the other U.S. Army Suzuki, lost in the second round of eliminations.

Schumacher beat Mike Strasburg, Morgan Lucas and Scott Kalitta, before taking out Doug Kalitta, his nearest competitor in the Top Fuel point standings. Schumacher won the finals with a 4.597-second pass at 323.66 mph.

The victory moved the Chicago native into sole possession of second place on the U.S. Nationals Top Fuel win list behind "Big Daddy" Don Garlits.

Brown, aboard his U.S. Army Suzuki, took care of Karen Stofler, Craig Treble and Chris Bostick in the opening three rounds, before disposing of Shawn Gann in the finals with a 7.213-second dash at 185.77 mph.

Savoie got through her opening round match-up with Josh Helvie, but fell victim to an ill-handling bike in her second round loss to Bostick.

Brown and Savoie join Schumacher for the Lucas Oil Nationals Sept. 16-19 at Maple Grove Raceway.

Turkey vultures feast at any 'Roadkill Cafe'

Feathered garbage disposal contributes important service to ecosystem



Carla Hurlbert

By Carla Hurlbert
DES, Conservation Division

The most graceful soaring bird in the world is the turkey vulture. These birds are sometimes mistakenly referred to as buzzards. Fort Riley has many roosts where residents can observe these large birds in flight.

The turkey vulture is found in most of North America except during the cooler months of the year where they

winter in the southern United States and Mexico and are found throughout most of South America.

The turkey vulture's scientific name, Cathartes aura, means "pacifier" or "cleanser." The Cherokee Nation of the United States gave the bird the honorific title of "peace eagle" because, unlike the eagle, which it resembles from a distance,

the turkey vulture does not kill.

The turkey vulture is a very large bird with a brownish-black coloration. The head has no feathers and is colored red on adult birds and black on immature birds. The beak is long and pinkish-red with a tan tip. The feet are rather weak with blunt talons. They average 2 1/2 feet in size with a 6-foot wingspan. In spite of their large size,

they only weigh about 3 pounds.

Turkey vulture's have the ability to soar for hours with very little wing movement. In flight they rock from side to side, rarely flapping their wings, which are held at a V-angle called a dihedral. Groups of vultures spiraling upward to gain altitude are called "kettles." As vultures catch thermal updrafts, they take on the appearance of water boiling in a pot.

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Wildcats to face Ragin' Cajuns at home

By April Blackmon
Staff writer

Kansas State University plays its final non-Big 12 tune-up game Saturday at 1:10 p.m. against Louisiana-Lafayette at K-State Stadium.

After stumbling against Fresno State last week and suffering just its fourth non-conference setback since the start of the 1990 campaign, the 1-1 Wildcats need to defeat the Cajuns to keep its winning record against non-conference opposition for the 15th straight season.

"Outside of a win, I want us to be able to play faster, harder, to be more fundamentally sound, and I want us to be better conditioned. There are a lot of other things as well, but I think those things are a major part of what we are investing in at this time. I think these are high priorities for us. We also need to play with greater spirit," said Head Coach Bill Snyder.

K-State's coaching staff must be wondering which Wildcat offense will show up this week. After grinding out more than 500 yards of total offense in week one, K-State failed to reach the 200-yard mark the following week for the first time since the 2001 season.

"There's quite a bit missing right now, that's blatantly obvious. But first and foremost, we need spirit and the will to win. We still want to, and the fire and passion for the game is going to be necessary for us to win," said quarterback Dylan Meier.

Louisiana-Lafayette also comes off a loss for the Sept. 18 game. They lost to Louisiana Tech 24-20 last week.

Quarterback Jerry Babb was responsible for both Cajun touchdowns for the second straight week. He completed 32 of 54 passes for 327 yards and a touchdown and added 18 rushing yards and a touchdown.

On defense, the Cajuns have generated at least two turnovers for the 13th straight game. Three Cajuns had 10 tackles last week - Stanley Smith, Antwain Spann and Torres Kingsby.

K-State sports schedule:

All K-State football games will be played at Wagner Field. All volleyball games will be played at Abcarn Field House. Rugby games will be played at K-State's Old Stadium.

Sept. 18 - Rugby vs. Wichita, 1:30 p.m.
Sept. 22 - Volleyball vs. Texas A&M, 7 p.m.

Discount football tickets are available through ITR for \$19. For more information, call 239-5614.

Volleyball tickets are available by calling 1-800-221-CATS, or may be purchased at the door. Tickets are \$5 for adults.



K-State (1-1) vs La.-Lafayette (1-1)

When: Sept. 18

Kickoff: 1:10 p.m.

Tickets: \$19. Call ITR at 239-5614

TV: None

Radio: Mid America Sports Network, 29 affiliate stations; Junction City on 1420 AM, 102.5 FM; Manhattan on 1350 AM, 101.5 FM, 102.5 FM

Internet: www.k-statesports.com. Click the "Live" button at the top of the page and mouse down to "Live Football."

K-State won the only previous meeting between the two teams, defeating the Ragin' Cajuns 34-6 on Sept. 3, 1994.



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One bright moment

K-State defensive back Bret Jones gestures after he intercepted a pass and ran it for a touchdown against Fresno State Sept. 11. Fresno State buffaloed the Wildcat defense, however and handed the home team a 45-21 loss.

K-State:



The Cats lost to Fresno State last week, 45-21, and were held below the 200-yard total-offense mark for the first time since the 2001 campaign.

For the first time since the 1977 season, K-State started four different quarterbacks in its first two games. Sophomore Dylan Meier opened the year as the starter against Western Kentucky. Sophomore Allen Webb earned the nod against Fresno State. Webb finished 4 of 13 through the air for 30 yards and 15 yards rushing, while Meier connected on 4 of 10 passes for 91 yards and 6 yards rushing.

On the heels of their loss to the Bulldogs, K-State dropped out of the top 25 in both polls for the first time since the Nov. 2, 2003, rankings. The Wildcats garnered the 26th-most votes in each poll to sit just outside of this week's rankings.

La.-Lafayette



After knocking off Northwestern State (La.) 14-7 in its opener, UL-Lafayette dropped a 24-20 decision at Louisiana Tech last week. The Cajuns scored 13 unanswered points during the third quarter vs. the Bulldogs to forge a 20-17 advantage, but were unable to maintain their lead as La. Tech went back on top early in the fourth quarter and held on for the win.

Quarterback Jerry Babb completed 32 of 54 passes for 327 yards and a touchdown. He rushed 10 times for 18 yards and a score. Bill Sampsy collected the fourth 100-yard receiving game of his career with eight catches for 107 yards, including a 59-yard pass from Babb.

The defense has allowed its opponents an average of 240.5 yards on the ground so far this season.

The last time a 1-1 Cajuns team won its next game was 1996.

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Above: Soldiers of 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, unfold a garrison flag on the football field during half time at Kansas State University. They were part of the K-State/Fort Riley Day activities honoring the Soldiers at Fort Riley.



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From left: Sgt. 1st Class Joe Mosner, 1st Lt. Lonnie Moore, Capt. Michael Messer, Spec. Filemon Mendez, Spec. Michael Rogers and Sgt. Ian Grove, all from 1st Bn., 16th Inf., represent Fort Riley's wounded Soldiers at K-State/Fort Riley Day.

K-State honors military

Wounded post Soldiers, vets, others recognized

By April Blackmon
Staff writer

Players and fans recognized Fort Riley Soldiers during Kansas State University/Fort Riley Day Sept. 11, when the Wildcats took on Fresno State University.

With his miniature car remodeled to resemble a tank, Willie the Wildcat, the team mascot, drove out dressed in a desert camouflage uniform and ran onto the field carrying the American flag.

World War II veteran and Medal of Honor recipient Walter Ehlers rode into the stadium in a WWII Willys Jeep, provided by the post museum, and assisted with the referee's coin toss. The coin used honored Fort Riley's 150th birthday.

Soldiers from Fort Riley's 24th Infantry Division and 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, provided Humvees for display. A six-man color guard from 541st Maintenance Company posted the colors during the opening ceremony.

At half time, six Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, represented Fort Riley's wounded. The Soldiers received a standing ovation from the crowd as their names were read.

After a brief slide show about Fort Riley's past and listing the Soldiers killed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, members of 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor, carried the garrison flag to mid-field while the K-State Marching Band performed patriotic songs.



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World War II veteran and Medal of Honor recipient, Walter Ehlers, rides into KSU Stadium in a World War II era jeep driven by Spec. Delmer Crowsbreast.

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Family group to host luau

The Family Support Group of 1st Platoon, 568th Combat Support Equipment will host a welcome home luau beginning at 3 p.m. Sept. 18, at the outdoor Lake recreation area on post. All platoon families and Soldiers are invited to attend.

Trooper Pride parents to meet

A Trooper Pride Parents meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Sept. 27, in the Fort Riley Middle School Media Center.

Trooper Pride is an organization open to parents, staff and community members. Its mission is to support Fort Riley Middle School, promote positive communication between the school staff and the community and to contribute to the learning of all the school's students.

For more information, call the school at 784-4475.

Event to mark homecoming

A fun-filled welcome home celebration for all Soldiers and their spouses is planned to begin at 7 p.m. Oct. 2 at Riley's Conference Center.

The evening includes a free steak dinner for the first 500 people who arrive and hamburgers and hotdogs will finish out the night.

The band Crisis and DJ Chris Monroe will provide musical entertainment. Other activities include casino gambling at no cost — just show an ID, an auction for free prizes and gifts and a cash bar.

Spouses' club seeks requests

The Officers' and Civilians' Spouses' Club will accept requests for financial assistance from Sept. 25 to Oct. 29. All requests must be postmarked no later than Oct. 29. Each request should include the name of organization, a point of contact (name and phone number), specific monetary amount requested, how the donation will be used and the mission of the organization.

Send requests to OCSC, Attn: Community Assistance, PO Box 2482, Fort Riley, KS 66442.

For more information, call Community Assistance Chairperson Brenda Wise at (785) 784-2820 or send e-mail to fortrileyocsc@yahoo.com.

Poker run helps BOSS MPs

A motorcycle poker run Aug. 14, earned about \$1,000 for the 924th Military Police Battalion Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, reported Spc. Blair Winner.

Riders bought poker hands from various stops along a route that began in Junction City and ended at the Rock House in Ogden.

Winner said the proceeds will be used to help finance a BOSS cruise and the Military Police Ball.

Stay In Step with Fort Riley

See what's happening on Fort Riley cable Channel 2 every day at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Teacher competes for state title

USD 475

Fort Riley Elementary School fourth-grade teacher Kathi Teeter was named one of six Region 1 semi-final-

ists at the Kansas Teacher of the Year Award Banquet in Salina Sept. 11.

Teeter and Michelle McDaniel, Junction City Middle School family and

consumer sciences teacher, were among 36 educators from the state's 1st Congressional District recognized during ceremonies at the Salina Country Club.

Teeter and McDaniel were respectively the elementary and secondary nominees from Geary County Unified School District 475 for the 2005

Kansas Teacher of the Year Award.

As a semi-finalist, Teeter will be invited to join other semi-finalists from across the state to serve on the

"Kansas Teacher of the Year Team," which serves as a cadre of presenters and resource teachers to work on school improvement initiatives in Kansas.

So they know



Col. John Simpson, Fort Riley garrison commander, updates retirees and spouses attending Retiree Appreciation Day about changes at Fort Riley. He covered topics including construction, new units expected to be assigned to the post and the civilianization of post housing.

Retirees attend annual day for updates

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

At least 250 retirees and spouses — some from as far away as North Dakota — heard several times Sept. 10 that people were thankful for their service.

Speakers at the annual Fort Riley Retiree Appreciation Day repeatedly expressed that sentiment while telling those attending the annual event conducted this year at the Holdome in Manhattan about changes at Fort Riley, Irwin Army Community Hospital, Main Post Exchange and post commissary.

One speaker, however, challenged the retirees to continue their service to their branch of service, their local installation and their country.

Lt. Gen. (Ret.) John Dubia told the retirees that the Fort Riley Retiree Advisory Council, other installation retiree councils and the Army chief of staff's retiree council were working in their interests successfully.

Dubia and every member of the chief of staff's retiree council he co-chairs continue to carry their military services' banners.

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Manhattan residents Helen Fairbanks (lower left) and her husband, Gustave, take advantage of the Health Fair set up by Irwin Army Community Hospital staff to have their blood sugar tested. Spc. Kevin Joyce (lower left) and Spc. Justin Chapman (right) administer the tests. The Health Fair is an annual attraction of the post's Retiree Appreciation Day.

Museums part of Apple Day, open house

Staff report

Historic Fort Riley is hosting Apple Day and an open house for the public Oct. 2. Three museums located on Main Post adjacent to Cavalry Parade Field will be open for visitors — the U.S. Cavalry Museum, Custer House and the Fort Riley Regimental Museum.

The U.S. Cavalry Museum features life-sized dioramas that bring post's and the Army's past to life. The realistic displays feature mannequins dressed in period

uniforms ranging from the Revolutionary War to World War II and shown performing different duties associated with cavalry service.

U.S. Cavalry Museum visitors enter a gallery depicting three Soldiers, one from the Revolutionary War cleaning his saber, another from the Civil War and a final figure dating from the Spanish-American War.

This technique continues in other galleries — from the Dragoons of the 1830s and '40s to a prairie scene depicting mounted troops escorting a wagon train

along one of the overland trails that transformed mid-19th century America.

Other galleries have mannequins dressed in the uniforms of the late 19th century and World War I and World War II eras.

Quarters 24, commonly referred to as Custer House offers visitors the opportunity to take a step back in time to when Fort Riley was a frontier Army post. Furnishings in Custer House date from the 1870s and '80s and provide a glimpse of Army family life from a bygone era.

Period rooms include a front parlor, dining room, kitchen, servant's room, family room and upstairs bedrooms.

Quarters 24 was built in 1855 during the post's initial construction period. Gen. and Mrs. George A. Custer lived on post from late 1866 to the summer of 1867.

At one time, post historians believed the Custers lived in Quarters 24, and the name became associated with the structure. However, more thorough research revealed they lived in Quarters 21.

The Fort Riley Regimental Museum is located near the U.S. Cavalry Museum and showcases the 1st Infantry Division and current Fort Riley units.

"Civilians and dependents of the military take it for granted a lot of times that we have such a rich history," said William McKale, museums director. "We rarely take advantage of opportunities to show off our quality of life and our history here on post, but the open house celebration is one day out of the year that we are able to do just that."

AAFES event honors retirees

By Diane Weed

AAFES Public Affairs

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service set aside Sept. 17-19 to honor military retirees with a special event called "Still Serving" at AAFES facilities around the world, including Fort Riley.

"I like to think that AAFES honors military retirees every day with great value, service and support," said Maj. Gen. Kathryn Frost, AAFES commander. "Nevertheless, we take enormous pride in sponsoring one weekend a year just for them."

This campaign is designed to be a fun-filled event for military retirees and their families. AAFES is saying "thank you" to the more than 1.5 million retirees with coupons they should have already received in the mail and special savings at AAFES stores, services and fast food restaurants.

Coupons had reached many addresses in the Junction City and Manhattan areas the middle of last week.

Many exchanges also will offer other activities, events and sales for retirees and their families, such as fashion shows, health clinics, product demonstrations and door prizes.

Retirees near Army and Air Force installations should visit the Defense Commissary Agency's Web site at www.commissaries.com to see if their commissaries are having case lot sales during the same weekend.

"Nothing brings retirees out like our store-planned events," said John Rakestraw, "Still Serving" campaign manager. "Retirees really appreciate the special attention and the extra steps AAFES associates go through to help make this campaign a large success."

For retirees who don't live near a military installation, AAFES online still offers the value of the "Still Serving Weekend" virtually. Retirees can log on to www.aafes.com 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and find a huge assortment of merchandise and special values in addition to the expanded concessions at CenterMall or Special Orders.

For more information on the "Still Serving" weekend, call the Fort Riley Main Post Exchange at 784-4439.



Community news briefly

Enlisted club plans meeting

The Enlisted Spouses' Club's general membership meeting for members and anyone interested in joining the club will start at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 29 at the Armed Services YMCA, 111 E. 16th St., Junction City. For more information, send e-mail to the club's vice president, Laneya Hairston, at laneya28@yahoo.com.

Two win prizes in car parade

Two people from Fort Riley won prizes in the Junction City Youth Commission's "Light It Up" car light parade Sept. 4. Bruce Williams won first place and \$250 with his 2004 white Ford 4X4 with flashing neons underneath. Tray Basnight won fifth place and \$25 with a silver 1999 Saturn SC2 with red neons underneath. The parade was led by the Junction City Police Department's green Chevy suburban recently outfitted with neons. The entries traveled east on Sixth Street to Adams, then continued east on Fifth Street.

Post student earns degree

Adina Ruth Johnson of Fort Riley was among 500 Kansas State University graduates who completed studies during the university's summer session. She received a bachelor of science degree in dietetics.

Post student on dean's list

Upper Iowa University named Amalia Delatorre of Fort Riley among its students on the spring dean's list. Delatorre attends UIU courses offered at the Fort Riley Education Center. Students must be enrolled as a

full-time student and maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher to be selected for the dean's list.

Four attending leadership class

Four Fort Riley employees were selected for the 2004-2005 Flint Hills Regional Leadership Class. They will join five other selectees representing Geary County, one representing Pottawatomie County, 13 representing Riley County and one representing Clay Center.

Fort Riley selectees are Cindy Colson, director of the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center; Beth Ernst, marketing manager for the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation; Kathryn Martin, chief of plans, analysis and intelligence; and Bill Powers, chief of the Soldier and Family Support Center. The leadership program acquaints participants with resources and activities in the region in hopes of building a group of future regional leaders and to enhance the individuals' awareness of the region.

School events:

Custer Hill Elementary School's third annual Family Fun Night will run from 5 to 7 p.m. Sept. 17, in the parking lot of the school. The event is to raise money for new playground equipment.

A variety of outdoor games and activities are scheduled, including a slide, moonwalk and dunk tank. All youth are encouraged to bring their bikes and helmets and register them for free with the military police. A bicycle obstacle course will be set up as well, and Humvees will be on display.

Concessions will be available in the school gymnasium. Tickets cost 25 cents each. Games and activities range from one to four tickets.

The event is open to the pub-

lic. Other scheduled Fort Riley and Junction City High School events:

Junction City High School – KSU Band day parade and game Custer Hill Elementary – Open House, 5 to 6:30 p.m., Sept. 20

Ware Elementary – Site Council meeting, 5:30 p.m., Sept. 21

Fort Riley Elementary – Outstanding Citizens Luncheon, Sept. 28

Awareness class scheduled

A "Suicide Awareness for Family Members" class is scheduled from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 6, in the Soldier and Family Support Center, Building 7264. Pre-registration is required for the workshop and for childcare. The primary goal of the class is to inform, educate and prepare Family Readiness Group advisors, leaders and concerned community members to recognize and assist others in their community who may be at risk of suicide.

For more information or to register for the class, call Sonya Brown, family readiness center coordinator, at 239-9435.

Crafts center sets classes

Sept. 18 – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., 3-D building in glass
Sept. 19 – 1 to 4:30 p.m., scrap booking get-together
Sept. 20 – 7 p.m., crochet, knitting and cross-stitch classes
Sept. 20 – Intermediate and advanced stained glass class
Sept. 21 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., beginning sewing
Sept. 21 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., wood safety and wood class projects (bookshelves)
Sept. 21 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., mold pouring class
Sept. 27 – 6 p.m., basket-

weaving class

For more information, call the Arts and Crafts Center at 239-9205.

Auto Skills:

Sept. 19 – 5:30 to 7 p.m., Fort Riley Automotive Skills Center Car Club redeployment meeting at the Outdoor Recreation Center.

For more information, call 239-9764.

BOSS activities:

Sept. 19 – Chiefs vs. Panthers
Sept. 25 – Renaissance Festival

For more information, call 239-8147 or visit with your unit's BOSS representative.

Society seeks tour docents

The Historical and Archaeological Society of Fort Riley needs docents who can volunteer two hours every few months to share the post's history with others.

HASFR docents give group tours of the Custer House and tours of Fort Riley. The training is free and provided by museum curator Bill McKale.

For further information, call Alicia Broadwater at 717-3266.

At the movies:

The Barlow Post Theater Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Shows begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for Children 5 to 11 years old and free for children under age 5, except during children's matinees or expected sell-outs.

Sept. 17 – The Village (PG-13)

Sept. 18 – The Village (PG-13)

Sept. 19 – The Manchurian Candidate (R)

Sept. 23 – The Manchurian Candidate (R)



Liliane Toombs (right) of Junction City takes informational material about the Flint Hills area from a display set up by the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce and manned by Christy Seale (left). The display was one of many information booths set up by organizations taking part in Retiree Appreciation Day.

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"There's only one bumper sticker I believe in," Dubia said. "It's 'Retired...Still Serving.'"

One of the battles retiree councils have successfully fought to achieve include TRICARE for Life, a program that offers reduced medical expenses for most retirees, Dubia said.

Others include a mail order pharmacy program in conjunction with Medicare, an increase in Medicare reimbursements to entice more doctors to accept Medicare patients and concurrent receipt of a retiree's total service retirement pay and disability retirement pay without the two amounts off-setting each other.

More work needs to be done, Dubia said. The retiree council in the Pentagon is continuing its focus on medical care and on the Survivor Benefit Plan offset when widows reach age 62.

The council's goal is to eliminate that offset when Social Security kicks in, he said.

After stating the accomplishments councils have made on behalf of military retirees, Dubia issued a challenge to those in the audience and their fellow retirees.

Citing figures to illustrate the magnitude and powerful presence of the retired military community, Dubia pointed out that the four-state area — North and South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas — covered by the Fort Riley Retiree

Services Office contains about 23,000 retirees.

Dubia said his council represents 720,000 Army retirees worldwide, as well as retirees of the Air Force, Army Air Corps, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Combat Merchant Marine Service.

"We have retirees living in Europe. Nothing strange to you. We have retirees in the Far East. Nothing strange to you. We even have 85 retirees in Buenos Aires (Argentina)," Dubia told the audience. "We're everywhere."

Retirees are service ambassadors, Dubia said. "You are the best. You have served. You are a source of information when a colleague says, 'Hey, my niece or nephew is thinking about going in the service. Tell me a little bit about it.'"

Dubia's challenge to retirees and their spouses is to volunteer, to continue serving.

One possibility would be volunteering to help issue vehicle decals, he said.

Fitness centers also offer great opportunities for retirees to maintain their association with Soldiers while providing a service and then taking advantage of the facilities to keep fit, he added.

"There are many opportunities out there," Dubia said. "Volunteer. Be a readiness multiplier for the local commander."

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Tiny town hosts big event

Crafts fair renowned throughout region

By Gary Skidmore

Command Info. Officer

On Sept. 18, Hillsboro, Kan., will grow from the sleepy little community of 3,000 residents to one of the largest crafts fairs in the state, hosting more than 45,000 visitors.

Megan Kilgore, Hillsboro executive director, said 400 vendors will cover a seven-block area of downtown, offering a huge variety of arts and crafts.

"Our vendors offer unique one-of-a-kind clay pots and baskets, antique silverware, jewelry, metal outdoor furniture and play equipment for kids, as well as some of the more popular crafts, including seasonal décor, dried flower arrangements, clothing, jewelry, barn wood frames and furniture," she said. "They represent 16 states, including North Carolina, Oklahoma, Missouri and Louisiana."

Kilgore said the crafters are not the same people every year. The

If you go:

Fair hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Hillsboro is one hour south of Fort Riley. To get there from Fort Riley, travel west on Interstate 70 to exit 295. Turn south on U.S. Highway 77. Highway 77 will join Highway 56 in Harrington. Continue south until Highway 77 separates from Highway 56. Continue on 56 for 10 miles.

opportunity to sell their wares in Hillsboro goes only to the best crafters, she said.

"Vendors are required to send photos of their products. All vendors, even if they've displayed previous years, go through a screening process," Kilgore said.

The fair brings so many people to town for several reasons, including its reputation as a high-quality artisan show, a large variety of items, no admission charge and no charge for parking, and it's a well-run show, Kilgore said.

The craft fair features hand-made items. The screeners select

the items to be placed in the show with the final decisions made by the fair director.

For those who like festival food, Hillsboro offers plenty. Kilgore said 32 food vendors will offer a variety of foods, including German foods.

"We will have bierocks, vereni-ka, sausage, peppernuts, New Years Cookies and zwiebach, just to mention a few," said Kilgore.

Traditional vendors will be offering Pronto Pups, roasted corn, walking tacos, funnel cakes and sno cones will also be present, he added.

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Leisuretime ideas

Salina:

Santa Fe Day – Celebrate the history and heritage of the Smoky Hills region with a parade, children's activities, musical entertainment, chili cook-off, old-fashioned hands-on demonstrations, crafts and museum collections tours; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 24; downtown and Smoky Hill Museum, 211 W. Iron Ave.

For more information, call (785) 309-5776.

Clay Center:

Piotique Fall Festival and Parade – Pioneer and antique festival featuring craft booths, antique cars, vendors, and family activities all day; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 25; downtown square.

For more information, call (785) 632-5674.

McPherson:

Scottish Festival and Highland Games – Highland dance, athletic and piping competitions, Celtic entertainment, sheep dog demonstrations and Scottish food; 7 to 8:30 p.m. Sept. 24 and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 25-26; Lakeside Park.

For more information, call (620) 241-3340 or (800) 324-8022.

Howard:

Elk River Festival – Arts and crafts, parade, kid's games, and rodeo; 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sept. 25; 100 block N. Pine.

For more information, call

(620) 374-2142 or visit www.skyways.org/towns/Howard on the Web.

Hutchinson:

Harvest in the Heartland-Chili Soup Cook-off – Hands-on activities for young and old; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 25; downtown.

For more information, call (620) 694-2677.

Kechi:

Cajun Festival – Enjoy the artist of potters from Louisiana-gumbo, family fun, and activities for kids; 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sept. 25; 4535 E. 61st N.

For more information, call (316) 744-2442.

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Sgt. Ryan Thomas fires his pistol at a balloon target while jumping an obstacle during a demonstration the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard did at the Geary County Rodeo last year.

Cavalry to showcase skills of bygone era

By April Blackmon
Staff writer

Re-enactors from around the United States travel to the home of the Army's cavalry training center to compete in the third annual National Cavalry Competition Sept 23-26. Events will be held on Infantry Parade Field across from Rally Point and the public is invited.

"We're happy to be at Fort Riley, our home headquarters. It's a great place of history," said Jeff Maahs, event chairman of the National Cavalry Competition and the U.S. Cavalry Association.

The cavalry competition was designed to help preserve cavalry heritage and history, as well as help cavalry re-enactors enhance their authenticity,

Maahs said.

"Throughout the country, there are thousands of re-enactors. The cavalry association wants to reach out to people who are interested in history and cavalry. We wanted to help the re-enacting community become better riders," he said.

Riders will compete in a variety of events, including jumping, mounted pistol, mounted saber, military equitation and platoon drill. The competition also will feature military bugler and period uniform authenticity competitions. Periodic encampments will be set up for visitors to view as well.

Some 75 riders and 300 re-enactors are expected to attend the competition, including Soldiers in military mounted color guards from Fort Riley, Fort Carson, Colo., and Fort Irwin, Calif. In their first year entering the competition, nine Soldiers from Fort Riley's Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard are slated to compete.

"This is a high stakes event. We're excited to do something a bit out of the norm. It's a great opportunity for the guys to earn a medal or a trophy for what they do and to compete against their peers," said CGMCG Commander Maj. Joel Graham of Grove, Okla.

The unit didn't have as much time to prepare for the events as they would have liked because of their summer performance schedule and other tasks, Graham said. But, he said he was confident in the Soldiers' abilities.

"There's no way we could do this if we hadn't been doing what we do mounted anyway. We have a tremendous training platform. The guys already jump a horse, engage targets with saber and pistol," he said.

Soldiers said they were excited about

CGMCG competitors

Nine Soldiers from Fort Riley's Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard will participate in the competition.

Level 1 (Beginner)

Trooper Daniel Lister riding Sheridan

Level 2 (Novice)

Trooper Louis Rascone on Traveler

Trooper Adam Hawks on Chief

Level 3 (Advanced)

Trooper Rodney Rowley on Cincinnati

Trooper Ronald Wilson on Dollar and Ike

Trooper Michael Leverington on Trooper

Trooper Matthew Hutzenbiler on Jacote

Sgt. Ryan Thomas on Stonewall

Sgt. Gabe Lincoln on Ike

the opportunity to enter the competition.

"This is a one-time opportunity throughout my military career to get to do something like this," said Trooper Adam Hawks of Lowgab, N.C. He is entered in the pistol, saber, jumping and platoon drill events. "I've been doing cavalry tactics for two years now, and this stuff is almost second nature to me."

"A lot of the stuff we're going to be doing is the same stuff we do in our demos - engaging targets with pistol and saber," said Trooper Michael Leverington of Troy, Mo. "This will be fun."

Events

Sept. 23

9 a.m. - Opening ceremony

9:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Military equitation

10:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Mounted saber

Sept. 24

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Mounted pistol

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Jumping

1 to 4:30 p.m. - Bugle

5:30 to 7 p.m. - Silent auction, Junction City Convention Center

Sept. 25

8 a.m. to noon - Platoon drill

2 p.m. to 3:30 - Director's Cup

Sept. 26

10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Fiddler's Green ceremony (tribute to fallen cavalrymen), Fort Riley Cemetery

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